



**Ohio Attorney General's Office  
Bureau of Criminal Investigation  
Investigative Report**



2025-1049  
Officer Involved Critical Incident - Interstate 275 / State  
Route 32, OH, 45245 (Clermont County) (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer  
**Involves:** Officer Tyler Hale (W)  
**Activity Date:** 04/02/2025  
**Activity Location:** 1000 Hospital Drive, Batavia, OH 45103  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Kenneth J. Smith

**Narrative:**

On Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at approximately 0327 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Ken Smith interviewed Union Township Police Department Officer James Tyler Hale (Officer Hale). The interview took place at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Batavia Post, located at 1000 Hospital Drive, Batavia, OH 45103. The interview was audio recorded.

The following summary of the recorded interview highlights the key points that the author deemed most relevant, although it does not provide a verbatim account. Additionally, this report was placed in a chronology to enhance the reader's understanding of the information elicited during the interview. However, it is important to note that this may not reflect the actual order of the questions posed. Therefore, it is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed.

Officer Hale was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the April 1, 2025 officer-involved critical incident, which occurred in the area of I-275 at SR-32, Clermont County, Ohio. Reportedly, Officer Hale did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by this officer.

Officer Hale (Badge #49) has been with the Union Township Police Department Since November of 2021 and had previously served with the Brown County Sheriff's Office from 2015-2021.

Officer Hale was working his regularly scheduled shift of [REDACTED] on April 1<sup>st</sup> into April 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was dressed in his normal uniform of the day marked and identified as a Union Township Police Officer.

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Officer Hale described that the call had originally come out as a wrong way driver on Interstate 275; however, the vehicle had left Union Township's jurisdiction. Officer Hale was at the police department when the call came out again for a wrong way driver southbound in the northbound lanes. He left the office and responded to Interstate 275. Officer Hale got to Interstate 275 at State Route 32 at the on ramp from eastbound State Route 32 when he noticed a vehicle coming at him. There was information over the radio that the vehicle was coming in Officer Hale's direction. Officer Hale observed the vehicle coming at him and veered right to get out of the way. The wrong way vehicle was followed by an OSHP Trooper. Officer Hale turned around and continued northbound in the northbound lanes. Officer Hale stated that Union Township officers were notified that the trooper had made intentional physical contact with the vehicle and Officer Hale came upon the scene at what he believed to possibly be the 63/4 mile marker. Officer Hale stated that they were originally notified that the subject was being cooperative.

Officer Hale exited his car, jumped the guard rail and ran up to the scene and the trooper had stated that there's a gun and shots had been fired. Officer Hale, Sgt. Disbennett, [REDACTED], and Officer Puckett were all present and trying to move to cover and manage potential crossfire issues. Officer Hale believes there may have been additional shots fired by the trooper and then observes the trooper get into his vehicle which is still in contact with the subject's vehicle and move his cruiser backwards out of the way. The subject's vehicle then takes a hard beeline towards westbound traffic. [REDACTED] then fired at the tires of the subject vehicle. The subject vehicle eventually came to rest against the barrier wall.

The officers attempted to get the subject out of her vehicle and a dog escaped the subject's vehicle. The dog was secured, and the trooper broke the glass on the passenger side window of the subject's vehicle. The female subject was pulled out of the passenger side of her vehicle and laid down on the ground. Officer Hale observed a black gun under the passenger door on the ground. Officer Puckett cuffs the female subject and [REDACTED] begins CPR on the subject. Officer Hale assisted a second trooper with placing a chest seal on the subject. [REDACTED] continued to do compressions until the UFD medics arrived.

Officer Hale eventually began taking photographs of the overall scene. At this time the female subject had been moved onto a cot and into the back of a life squad. Officer Hale did take a few more photos of the subject in the rear of the squad while the LUCAS device was being utilized. He went back to his vehicle and stood by awaiting further instructions.

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As far as Officer Hale knows his bodycam was on and activated during the incident. Officer Hale did not fire his weapon though he did have it out during the incident. He was armed with a Smith and Wesson 9mm Model M&P. Officer Hale carries 18 rounds in his duty weapon (17 plus 1) and two spare magazines of 17 rounds. Officer Hale did show SA Smith his weapon and magazines and the round count was verified.

Officer Hale did witness the trooper fire as well as [REDACTED].

Officer Hale had never seen the female subject prior to the incident. He did recall that she was wearing an ATV style helmet and some sort of BMX type vest.

The interview concluded at 0343 hours. The audio recording is attached to this investigative report.

**References:**

None

**Attachments:**

2025-04-02 UTPD PO Tyler Hale Interview

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# **Exhibit 1**

**Included as a separate file.**